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# Human Services Committee Minutes from Monday July 14th, 2008

# In Attendance:

Members:

Phil Smith DuPage County Community Services
Walt Meyers Northeast Illinois Area on Aging

Tammy Wierciak Metropolitan Mayors Caucus/Council of Mayors

Jim Lewis Chicago Community Trust

Holly Smith Kane County DOT

Candace King DuPage Federation on Human Services

Kemberly Dailey Johnson Pioneer Center

Sheri Cohen
Lynn O'Shea
Association of Individual Development
Ray Wang
Health and Medicine Policy Group
Lorrie Lynn
United Way of Metro Chicago

### **Guest:**

Erik Llewellyn Pace

Ted Byers United Way of Lake County

Pat Hayden Age Options

Amanda Hinthorne McHenry County Crisis Program

Karen Kolb Mather Lifeways

Lillian Lahr CTA

# **CMAP Staff:**

Russell Pietrowiak CMAP Staff
Shana Alford CMAP Staff
Tara Fifer CMAP Staff
Bob Dean CMAP Staff

#### 1.0 Introductions

Those in attendance introduced themselves

# 2.0 Approval of June minutes.

The minutes for the June meeting were approved.

# 3.0 Comments from the Chair or Vice Chair

Phil Smith stated that the planning committee discussed the indicators projects, the jobs/housing balance snapshot, and the Latino snapshot. Holly Smith stated

that the programming committee meeting primarily focused on the Developments of Regional Importance (DRI) process.

# 4.0 Development of Regional Importance (DRI):

Tara Fifer (CMAP staff) gave a power point presentation on CMAP's proposed approach to DRI's. In general the process will involve a three tier system in which each tier has specific criteria that needs to be meet before a DRI can proceed to the next tier (see power point presentation for the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting) <a href="http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/human services/minutes.aspx">http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/human services/minutes.aspx</a>

The committee did have some questions about the process. Phil Smith stated the process seems to be geared toward the physical impacts and wondered if large scale policy impacts would be included. As example that was given referred to welfare reform and the impacts that had on housing, transportation, jobs, etc. Other committee members also asked if major policy changes and their potential impacts would be a part of this process. Other committee members asked if the impacts associated with a DRI would measure the effects on human services. An example was given that if a large development where to provide a significant number of low age jobs that that type of development would have a large impact on the local and potentially regional Human Services and healthcare systems. Another question that was asked, how do the Olympics fit into the DRI process? Finally there were questions on how the Human Services committee would fit into the DRI process and when it might start (March?).

# 5.0 Human Services Updates

# 5.1 Aging in Place Technical Assistance Approach

The committee discussed a variety of approaches that CMAP could employ to provide technical assistance to communities to help them meet the needs associated with an increase in the senior population. The two main approaches discussed were an aging in place summit and a series of community workshops. The pro's and con's association with each approach were discussed with the committee eventually deciding that the best approach in the long-term would be to go the route of the workshops. CMAP would part with the area agencies on aging to use their community assessment toolkit to help communities understand their current situation. One of the primary barriers that were identified was the lack of community awareness. We would work to increase awareness, part of that would be through making things available on CMAP's website. We could also expand our invite list to workshops to include non-traditional planning partners. Eventually there would be a series of follow-up workshops or other outreach efforts to help communities that have gone through the self assessment process to implement improvements, strategies, and policies. This part would like occur in the next 2-3 years with community self assessments happening over the next 1-2 vears.

# **5.2 211 Update**

CMAP is in the process of forming a working group and expects the group to have its first meeting sometime in August. It was stated that this is an important issue that needs to be devoid of politics. It was also stated that 211 is important because it can help with Human Service coordination, it serves as a resource for residents in the region, and that it can be a backup for 911 or a part of emergency response/disaster preparedness efforts. Committee members were asked to suggest individuals or organizations that should be a part of this effort.

# 6.0 Go To 2040 Plan Development

# **6.1** Scenario Construction

Bob Dean from CMAP discussed the current status of the GoTo 2040 scenario development. There will likely be 4 scenarios that are groups of strategies that will give the region 4 different directions that it can proceed in. The current thinking is that there will be some sort of thematic mapping that helps to convey to differences between the various scenarios. For the next meeting it was requested that the Human Services committee work on the four major themes and try to understand the various tradeoffs from one scenario to another as they relate to Human Services. A lot of the work on this will also involve the lead agencies and the Chicago Community Trust.

# 6.2 CMAP/Chicago Community Trust Partnership

An update was provided to the committee by staff and Jim Lewis from the Chicago Community Trust on the ongoing efforts in support of the GoTo 2040 plan. At this time lead agencies have been contacted by the Trust to work on a topic over the next year. The topics are health, education (preschool, K-12, higher ed.), arts& culture, public safety, food security, human relations, and workforce development. Each topic will have at least 1 lead agency. The lead agencies are currently putting together their advisory council's. The committee members were asked to provide names of individuals or agencies that they think should be considered for an advisory council. The lead agencies will produce a report, work on indicators, and provide regular updates to staff at both the trust and CMAP. An update on this ongoing work will be a regular part of the Human Services committee agenda

# **6.3** Regional Indicators Development:

A handout of Human Services related indicators was provided by Andrew Williams-Clark from CMAP. He explained the rating system that was used to rank the various indicators in each theme area. It was explained that the handout was a first attempt at identifying various indicators. This topic would be broached again at the next meeting with specific input

being asked of committee members on selected topics/issue areas. It was also mentioned that CMAP is currently conducting a series of indicator workshops and that more information is available at CMAP's website.

- 7.0 Next Meeting (August 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am)
- **8.0 Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.